

**Proposed Amendment**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of operating a poker game, said method comprising:

- (a) receiving an initial wager from a player;
- (b) dealing a hand to a player including a first plurality of cards from a deck of cards;
- (c) dealing a second plurality of cards to the player from the deck of cards, said cards dealt face-down to the player;
- (d) enabling the player to end the poker game or purchase one of the second plurality of cards to add to the hand for an additional wager, and
- (e) repeating (d) until the player ends the poker game or until there are no remaining cards in the second plurality of cards for the player to purchase, if wherein each time the player purchases one of the second plurality of cards to add to the hand, adding one of the cards from the second plurality of cards is added to the hand before evaluating any of the cards in the hand; and
- (f) ~~repeating step (d) until the player ends the poker game or until there are no remaining cards in the second plurality of cards for the player to purchase, and upon either event when the player ends the poker game or when there are no cards remaining in the second plurality of cards for the player to purchase, evaluating the cards in the hand including all of said first plurality of cards and all of the purchased second plurality of cards and providing an award to the player if the hand includes a winning combination of cards.~~